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I AWOKE FROM THE PAIN OF HITTING THE GROUND...

AND FOUND I HAD NO IDEA WHERE I WAS.

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TRACK 1

WHAT IS THIS PLACE ...?

A HORSE?

?

?

?

WHY THE HECK AM I A HORSE!?

HUUUUUUUUH!?

COME, MY CHILD, STAND UP AND DRINK YOUR MILK.

WAIT, DID I REINCARNATE INTO THE BODY OF A HORSE ...?

HMMM... YUP, I'M DEFINITELY NEWLY BORN FOAL...

MY LEGS ARE LIKE TWIGS! THEY'RE NOT GONNA BUCKLE, RIGHT?

TELLING A NEWBORN BABY TO STAND UP!? THAT'S A PRETTY BIG ASK!

OKAY. DON'T RUSH ME, ALL RIGHT?

GLANCE

HUH... SO THAT'S MY HORSE MOM?

YEAH, I THINK I AM...

HOLD ON, AM I STILL MALE?

What are you doing?

IF MY MOTHER IS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MARE, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT I LOOK LIKE WHEN I GROW UP!

BUT NONE OF THAT REALLY MATTERS ANYWAY, NOW THAT I'M A HORSE!

THE DETAILS ARE FUZZY, LIKE HOW I LOOKED, OR WHAT MY NAME WAS...

I STILL HAVE SOME MEMORY OF THE LIFE I LED AS A HUMAN.

AND SLEEP ...

EAT,

PLAY,

I EAT,

AND I SLEEP.

EVERY DAY, I PLAY,

MY LIFE NOW IS SO MUCH FUN!

HOP HOP

CLOP

CLOP

I CAN JUMP SUPER HIGH, AND I CAN RUN FOREVER WITHOUT GETTING TIRED.

I'VE GOT SO MUCH MORE ENERGY THAN WHEN I WAS A HUMAN!

MMM!

POP

STAY WHERE I CAN SEE YOU!

I FEEL A LOT MORE YOUTHFUL MENTALLY, TOO.

AFTER NEARLY THIRTY YEARS AS A HUMAN, I'VE TURNED OVER A WHOLE NEW LEAF.

I'VE NEVER FELT MORE CARE-FREE!

I CAN'T REALLY TELL THE OTHERS APART, ASIDE FROM MY OTHER FOAL FRIENDS AND MY BREATHTAKING MOM.

I'M PART OF A HERD OF WILD HORSES.

WE'RE IN THE WOODS, SO I GUESS THERE MIGHT BE WOLVES AND BEARS AROUND.

DON'T WORRY, MOM, I'M FINE!

Your friend is waiting up on those branches.

Hello there.

HORSES ARE AMAZING. OUR EYES CAN SEE IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS AT THE SAME TIME.

AND IT'S TOALLY FINE THAT I DON'T KNOW WHICH OF THEM IS MY DAD!

OUR EARS ARE GREAT, TOO. I CAN TELL DIFFERENT TYPES OF BIRDS APART JUST FROM THEIR CALLS.

I CAN EVEN TALK TO THEM NOW, I GUESS BECAUSE WE'RE ALL ANIMALS. IT'S LIKE I'VE GOT NEW NEIGHBORS.

I'M SO GLAD I CAME BACK AS A HORSE!

I LOOK COOL, CAN RUN FAST, AND I'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD WITH ALL THIS GRASS AROUND.

MY TACTILE SENSES ARE SHARPER, TOO. I CAN EVEN WHIP FLIES OUT OF THE AIR WITH MY TAIL.

SOME-
THING'S
COMING
THIS WAY.

BUT LIKE ANY HAPPY-GO-LUCKY YEARLING, I LACKED CAUTION.

MOM?

OH. THIS IS THE SMELL OF BLOOD. AND EVERYONE'S ON GUARD.

SNIFF

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE A WOLF OR TWO... I THINK.

I MIGHT BE ONLY ONE YEAR OLD, BUT I'M STILL BIGGER THAN MOST OTHER ANIMALS.

COULD IT BE A BEAR OR A WOLF, HERE TO HUNT FOALS?

TENSE

RUSTLE

SHK SHK

WAIT, THAT'S NO WOLF...

IT'S A MAN!

WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO HIM?

AND HE'S COVERED IN BLOOD...

WHAT'S A HUMAN DOING HERE!?

HRRRRNGH!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

GRR

ROAR

A BEEEEAAAAR!

URGH...

I'VE GOTTA MAKE A RUN FOR IT!

FINISH

BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!


DREAM


YOU CAME BACK TO SAVE ME!?
YOU...
AHHH, I GOT TOO SWEPT UP IN THE MOMENT!
YEAH, I DID!!
LIKE HE COULD UNDERSTAND ME...

AND WHICH WAY IS THAT WAY!?

HUH!? HE'S BARELY BREATHING, YET HE'S GIVING ME ORDERS!?

HEY ...

GO THAT WAY...

!

BY THE WATER-FALL...

THE RIVER ...

KOFF!

WHOOSH

BEING GIVEN SOME DIRECTION IS WAY BETTER THAN JUST RUNNING BLINDLY!

OKAY! THE RIVER SOUNDS GOOD!

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

GASP

ANYWAY, WE ONLY LOST THE BEAR IS BECAUSE I'M A HORSE!

YOU CERTAINLY CAN RUN!

I CAN CUT THROUGH THE FOREST IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS!

DASH

NO SHIT! WE'RE BEING CHASED BY A BEAR!

HALT.

WE SHOULD RUN FURTHER AWAY...

THERE? IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR THE BEAR TO CATCH UP TO US.

HFFF

SPLSH

LET ME DOWN OVER THERE.

DON'T YOU DARE! I DIDN'T SAVE YOU JUST SO YOU COULD THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY!

WAIT, YOU'RE NOT GONNA GIVE UP AND DIE HERE, ARE YOU!?

...!

I'M GOING TO ACT AS A DECOY.

I'LL ONLY SAY THIS ONCE, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY.

BRUSH

THEN PUSH THE BEAR OVER THE WATERFALL WITH A SINGLE DECISIVE KICK.

HSSSSSH

AND COME RUNNING OUT RIGHT AS THE BEAR ATTACKS ME.

I WANT YOU TO HIDE IN THE FOREST UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE...

OR WOULD *YOU* RATHER BE THE DECOY?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STEPPED IN TO SAVE ME. SO STICK WITH ME TO THE BITTER END.

HOW CAN HE ASK THIS FROM A HORSE HE ONLY JUST MET!?

HE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD. IS HE GONNA BE OKAY?

AND HE LEFT STICKY BLOOD ALL OVER MY BACK.

JEEZ, WHAT A TYRANT! HE DOESN'T HAVE TO ORDER ME AROUND LIKE THAT.

HURRY UP AND GO! THE BEAR IS COMING.

SHK SHK SHK

WHOOSH

SPLASH!

SPLASH

KICK

SLASH

POW


WHOW
WA-POW


FLUTTER


WHOOOOOOOM


WAVE
SLASH


HUFF
HUFF
Hee-hee

WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT!?

HUHUHUHU

WE WERE LUCKY THAT WORKED! WE COULD EASILY HAVE DIED!

THAT BEAR EVEN YELLED, "IF I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN, YOU'RE DEAD MEAT!"

HE'S GONNA FIND US AND KILL US!

RRR

WE'RE GOING HOME. FIND THE SMOOTHEST PATH YOU CAN.

YOU'RE A COCKY ASSHOLE, YOU KNOW THAT?

THERE'S NOT GONNA BE A NEXT TIME!

FINISH IT WITH ONE KICK NEXT TIME.

OH WELL, LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT NO CHOICE!

DON'T JUST HOP ON AND ORDER ME AROUND.

I SIMPLY FOLLOWED YOUR DIRECTIONS, AND HERE WE ARE!

WHAT, DO YOU HAVE A G.P.S. IN YOUR HEAD OR SOME-THING!?

NEIIIGH!

HEEEY! THIS GUY'S ONE OF YOURS, RIGHT!? I'VE BROUGHT HIM BACK!

OH, LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE SPOTTED US.

WE SENT OUT SCOUTS TO LOOK FOR YOU. WE NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D MAKE IT BACK ON YOUR OWN!

LIEUTENANT COLONEL, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK SAFELY.

LEFÈVRE, TAKE CARE OF THAT HORSE.

A COM-MANDER HUH? THIS GUY MUST BE A BIG DEAL...

OH, HIS NAME'S FELIX?

COM-MANDER FELIX. LET ME GET YOU TO THE MEDIC'S TENT.

He doesn't seem to mind the rope.

ALEKSEI.

OH! BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA FEED ME, SURE!

IT'S FINE. I SHOULD BE HEADING BACK HOME NOW.

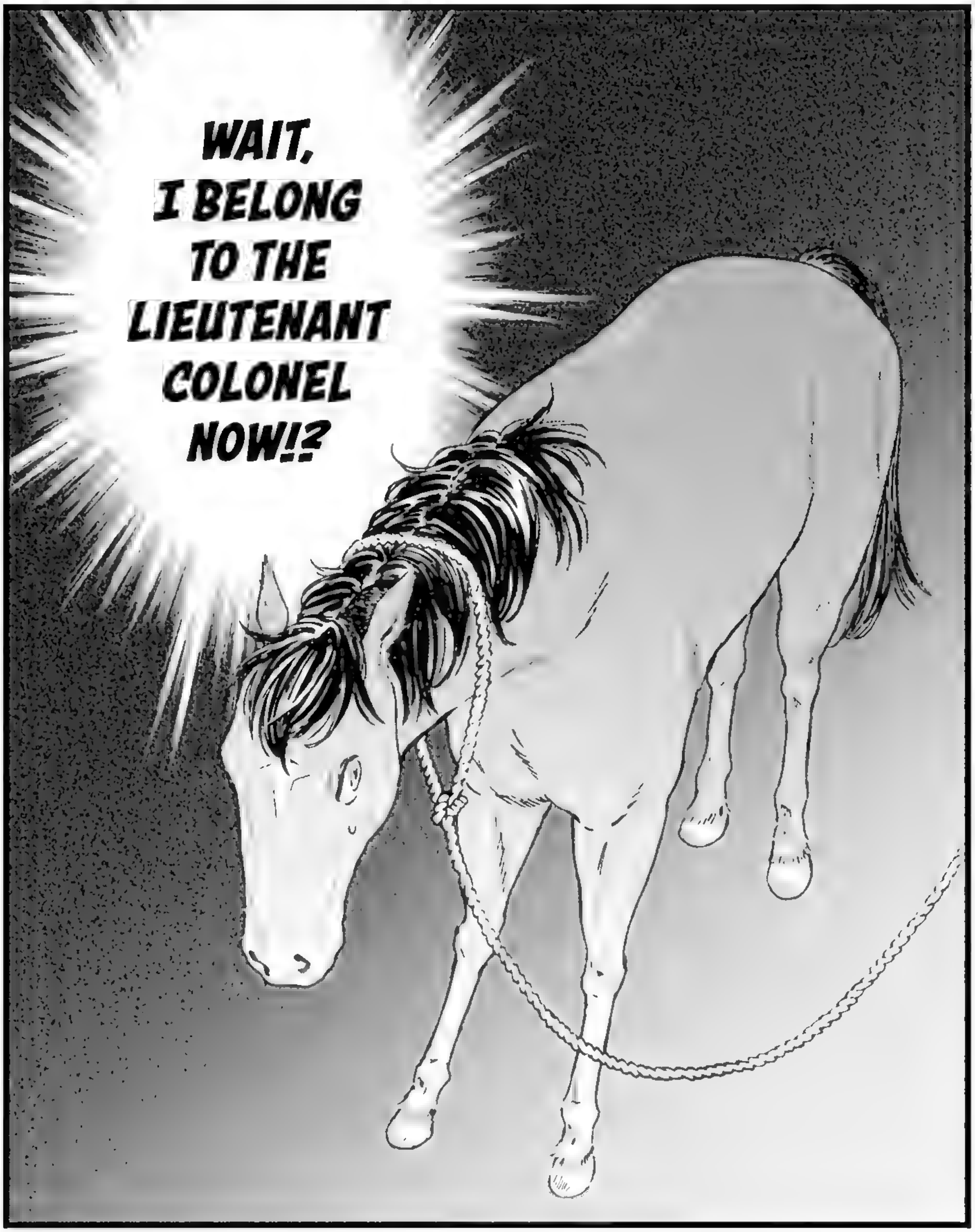
THIS BLOOD... IS IT YOURS, BROTHER?

IT IS. PLEASE WASH HIM OFF AND GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT.

I'M MAKING HIM MY WAR-HORSE.

HIS NAME WILL BE ALEKSEI.





TRACK 1 - END



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TRACK 2

GLANCE

SIGH...

HOW DID I END UP IN THIS MESS?

HE'S A COM-MANDER! A REAL BIG SHOT!

HIS NAME IS LIEUTENANT COLONEL FELIX.

THE MAN WHO ABDUCTED ME IS A SOLDIER OF THIS COUNTRY.

I WAS ENJOYING MY LIFE IN THE FOREST UNTIL I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH A BEAR...

AND WAS RUDELY HORSENAPPED BY THE VERY MAN I TRIED TO SAVE.

I'M MAKING HIM MY WAR-HORSE.

I GUESS HE'S WHAT PEOPLE MIGHT CALL AN IDEAL MAN.

ARE YOU LISTENING, ALEKSEI?

OH! RIGHT, THAT'S MY NAME!

IT JUST DOESN'T FIT AT ALL WITH THE MEMORIES I HAVE OF MY PAST LIFE.

THIS NEW NAME FEELS WEIRD. I CAN'T GET USED IT.

HE'S TALL, AND HAND-SOME...

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WEREN'T INJURED IN THAT FIGHT WITH THE BEAR,

RIGHT, ALEKSEI?

AND CHECK OUT THOSE MUSCLES!

THE COMMANDER MAY BE GOOD-LOOKING, BUT HE'S GOT THIS AWFUL SCOWL. HE'S THE TYPE TO BE BOTH LOVED AND FEARED.

YOU'RE THE ONLY HORSE I SPEAK TO, SO PAY ATTENTION.

YOU'D THINK SOMEONE LIKE HIM WOULD HAVE HIS OWN HORSE ALREADY...

FELIX.

I'M SURE I REMEMBER YOU HATING ANIMALS.

BUT APPARENTLY I'M HIS FIRST **PERSONAL WARHORSE.**

I MERELY SAID THAT I HAVE NO TIME FOR CREATURES THAT CANNOT UNDERSTAND HUMAN SPEECH.

LEFÈ-VRE!

BUT THESE TWO LOOK NOTHING ALIKE, AND THEY GIVE OFF ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VIBES.

THAT'S A GOOD BOY.

THE STABLE MASTER, LEFÈVRE, IS COMMANDER FELIX'S YOUNGER BROTHER.

WHOA!

FROWN

YANK

BUT *THIS* HORSE OBEYED ME WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL TRAINING.

CHEW

CHEW

I DIDN'T OBEY YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO!

IF HE REALLY CAN UNDERSTAND ME, THEN HE MIGHT BE A CREATURE WORTH MY TIME.

WHAP

WHAP

WHAP

I LOVE BEING PETTED BY LEFÈVRE!

MORE, MORE! GIMME MORE PETS!

SLAP

NO TRAINING UNTIL YOUR WOUNDS ARE FULLY HEALED.

AT LEAST WAIT ANOTHER MONTH!

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO START BREAKING HIM IN RIGHT AWAY.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO ROUGH!

HRRR...

UNTIL MY WOUNDS HEAL UP, I'LL JUST HAVE HIM LEARN TO WALK BESIDE ME.

DON'T WORRY, I WON'T GET ON HIM.

WHAT DID I JUST SAY!? WHY ARE YOU TAKING ALEKSEI OUT!?

HUH?

HUH!?

YOU CAN YELL AT HIM, BUT TRY TO KEEP IT AT THAT.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RAISE HIM WITH LOVE.

LEFÈVRE! YES, YOU TELL HIM!

SO NO HITTING OR KICKING HIM, OKAY?

FOR PITY'S SAKE...

HE'S STILL VERY YOUNG. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME IN HIS DEVELOPMENT...

AND HE'S ALREADY SLAPPING ME!!

HMPH. THAT'LL DEPEND ON HOW HE BEHAVES.

SLAP

YOU'RE MAKING THIS SOUND SCARY AS HELL!

NN-

NEIGH!

NOOO! I WANT LEFÈVRE TO TRAIN ME INSTEAD!

HE'S NOT ONE OF YOUR SOLDIERS! YOU HAVE TO BE NICE OR HE'LL RUN AWAY!

REMEMBER, HE'S JUST AN ANIMAL!

ALEKSEI, LET'S GO!

STOP STRUG-GLING!

YANK

LEFÈ-VRE!!

CAN HE HANDLE THIS...?

DO I EVEN WANT TO BE WITH COM-MANDER FELIX?

ACCORDING TO LEFÈVRE...

MY BROTHER IS SO TALENTED, HE COULD GOVERN THE KINGDOM IF HE WANTED!

I GOTTA FIGURE OUT MY FUTURE PLANS.

BUT ALSO TO THE DEALINGS OF THE COMMON FOLK.

HE PAYS CLOSE ATTENTION NOT ONLY TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS!!

THAT'S WHY HE DENIED A PROMOTION TO COLONEL, DESPITE HIS AMBITIOUS NATURE.

BUT HE PREFERS TO COMMAND THE FRONT LINES, IT SEEMS...

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT JUST BIASED 'CAUSE HE'S YOUR BROTHER?

IS HE REALLY THAT GREAT?

SO THIS IS THE COMMANDER'S NEW HORSE? WHAT A PRETTY BLACK COAT.

He said that I'm pretty!

WHAT, YOU'RE EVEN BRAGGING TO THE NEW HORSES NOW, LEFÈVRE?

THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL'S TROOPS ARE ALWAYS IN THE THICK OF BATTLE.

YOU'D BETTER GROW UP QUICK SO YOU CAN BE OF SERVICE TO HIM.

I'M ONLY TELLING HIM THE FACTS.

LIKE A HORSE COULD EVEN UNDERSTAND.

OH YEAH, ALEKSEI! DID YOU KNOW MY BROTHER'S UNIT HAS THE HIGHEST VICTORY RATE IN THE ENTIRE ARMY?

RIGHT, I KINDA REMEMBER HEARING ABOUT THAT...

HEY!

COME ON, ALEKSEI, KEEP UP!

YANK

WHAT ELSE DID HE TELL ME AGAIN ...?

JEEZ, AND JUST WHEN I WAS REMEMBERING ALL THE GOOD THINGS THEY SAID ABOUT HIM...

I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL **EVER** GET ALONG WITH THIS JERK...

DON'T YANK ON THE REINS!

SNORT...

MAYBE I SHOULD MAKE A RUN FOR IT WHILE I CAN.

RUB

I GUESS I'LL STAY FOR A WHILE AND SEE HOW THINGS GO.

BUT IT'S SIMPLY NOT LIKE ME...

TO ABANDON AN INJURED MAN.

3 MONTHS LATER...

HERE, EAT UP!

FINALLY, CHOW TIME!

YOU THINK SO TOO, LEFÈVRE? I'VE REALLY GROWN, HAVEN'T I!

CRUNCH CRUNCH

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S BEEN THREE MONTHS ALREADY.

YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG.

EVEN JUST EARLIER ...

ALRIGHT ALEKSEI, HERE'S YOUR NEXT TRAINING EXERCISE.

AND WHAT'S MORE, I'VE SURVIVED ALL OF THE COMMANDER'S GRUELING TRAINING...

AND ALL THE BEATINGS HE DISHES OUT!

NEIGHHH

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? GO!

WHAT!? HE WANTS ME TO JUMP THROUGH A FLAMING HOOP!?

JOLT

LOOK, LEFÈVRE! MY TAIL IS ALL SINGED FROM THE FLAMES!

WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU STILL HUNGRY?

I FEEL LIKE MY MANE GOT SHORTER TOO!

SLAP

WHAAAAAH!

FINE, FIIINE! I'LL DO IT!

I'M GONNA KICK HIS FACE IN!

ALEK-SEI.

YOU'RE ALWAYS SO HOT-HEADED. CALM DOWN, ALEKSEI.

STOMP

STOMP

SURE, I CAN UNDERSTAND BEING MADE TO GALLOP THROUGH A SWAMP... BUT JUMPING THROUGH A FLAMING HOOP!? THIS IS JUST FLAT-OUT BULLYING!!

HE LOOKS CALM ENOUGH TO ME.

HE'S OVEREXCITED RIGHT NOW. YOU'D BEST NOT APPROACH HIM.

FELIX.

FREEZE

I WAS NOT JUST HANGRY!

MAYBE THE FOOD FINALLY HIT HIS STOMACH.

HUH? BUT HE WAS GOING WILD JUST NOW...

FWIP FWIP

IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE SO HUNGRY.

I'M PARTICULARLY STRICT WITH YOU, AFTER ALL.

TO BE HONEST, I'M A LITTLE ...

OF COURSE. I'M THE ONE CARING FOR HIM.

I CARE FOR HIM TOO, YOU KNOW...

HE SEEMS TO HAVE GROWN QUITE FOND YOU, FELIX.

FWIP FWIP

HIS TAIL STARTS WAGGING WHENEVER HE SEES FELIX.

NO, NOT A LITTLE. I'M VERY ATTACHED TO THE COMMAN-DER!

HE'S RESPON-SIBLE FOR NEARLY 200 SOLDIERS, AFTER ALL.

BUT NOW THAT I LIVE IN THE CAMP, IT'S BEGUN TO MAKE SENSE TO ME.

I'VE THOUGHT OF HIM AS INTIMIDATING AND SEVERE FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST MET...

THE OTHER DAY, WHEN A SMALL FIGHT BROKE OUT...

HE'S GOOD IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AS WELL.

NOT ONLY IS HE A SKILLED SWORDS-MAN,

BROTH-ER!

DASH

YIKES! THE MEATHEADS ARE GETTING INTO A BRAWL.

HE TOOK ALL THOSE GUYS OUT IN A SPLIT SECOND!

WHOA!

AFTER-WARD, HE ARRANGED A PLACE FOR THEM TO TALK...

AND THE TWO MEN WERE able TO COME TO A COMPROMISE.

WELL, AREN'T YOU DILIGENT!

THOUGH HE DEFINITELY RELIES ON BRUTE STRENGTH AT TIMES, THERE'S MORE TO HIM THAN JUST THAT.

WHAT CLOSE ATTENTION HE PAYS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF HIS SOLDIERS..

SPENDING SO MUCH TIME WITH HIM, I CAN SEE...

I KNOW HE'S YOUR PERSONAL WARHORSE, BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE HERE EVERY DAY TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.

HE HAS A STABLE MASTER, SO THERE'S REALLY NO NEED FOR HIM TO DO IT...

HE ALSO LOOKS AFTER ME EVERY SINGLE DAY.

BUT HAVING SAID THAT... IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY WHENEVER COMMANDER FELIX COMES TO VISIT.

AT THIS POINT, I THINK I MUST BE TOTALLY BRAINWASHED.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE OF ALL THE IMPRESSIVE STORIES LEFÈVRE AND THE SOLDIERS KEEP TELLING ME ABOUT HIM...

MMM... WELL, I CAN'T DENY THAT.

YOU'RE SUCH A GLUTTON, YOU'D PROBABLY GOBBLE THEM UP WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT.

ALEKSEI, KEEP AWAY FROM THAT THICKET.

POISONOUS WEEDS GROW THERE, IF I RECALL.

PULL

MY BROTHER HAS A MAP OF THE WHOLE CONTINENT STORED IN HIS HEAD.

JUST LIKE WHEN WE WERE RUNNING FROM THE BEAR, FELIX SEEMS TO KNOW THIS AREA REALLY WELL.

HE REALLY DOES COME WITH A G.P.S. FUNCTION!

IT'S JUST LIKE LEFÈVRE SAID!

TSK!

RUN!

WHAT !? WHY !?

KICK

ALEKSEI ...

...

OK

TOK

COM-
MAN-
DER
FELIX!

THUD

JUST THROW THAT MAN INTO THE WAGON, QUICK!

WE CAN'T TAKE A HORSE WITH US!

IT LOOKS EXPENSIVE. IT MIGHT MAKE US SOME MONEY!

HEY! WERE YOU *TRYING* TO HIT THE HORSE!?

COM-
MANDER
FELIX!

...!

WHAP

RIGHT, FIRST THINGS FIRST, I GOTTA RESCUE THE COMMAN-DER!

DASH

WH-WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW!? UM...



WHINNY!

CLATTER

CLATTER

CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

HEY! HEY GUYS!

THE WAGON WILL SLAM RIGHT INTO US IF WE STOP.

SORRY, NO CAN DO.

AND WE'LL GET WHIPPED BY THE DRIVER.

MY MASTER IS INSIDE THE CART!

CAN YOU GUYS PLEASE STOP!?

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

YEAH, SURE.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT, GO AHEAD.

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

ALRIGHT, I'M GONNA KICK THE DRIVER OFF. THEN WILL YOU SLOW DOWN AND STOP!?

!

SOME-ONE'S CHASING US!?

NGH ...

CLATTER

HEY! A BLACK HORSE JUST CAUGHT UP!

CLATTER

CLAT TER

WHAT THE HELL!? WHY ARE WE STOPPED !?

SWING

ST

OKE

A BLACK HORSE... IT CAN'T BE...

THAT'S THE HORSE HE WAS RIDING! QUICK, KILL IT!

ALEK-SEI!

CLOP

CLOP

CLOP

HUFF

HUFF

WHAM

COME AT ME FROM BEHIND ALL YOU WANT...

TICK

IT'S NO USE!

ALEKSEI, LOOK OUT!

SLASH

AH!

YOU'RE ONE STUBBORN HORSE!

ALEK-SEI!

NEIGH!

AND NOW I'M GONNA PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY!

FWOOSH

CLENCH

SH

WOO

ALEKSEI, ARE YOU ALRIGHT !?

NGH... COMMANDER FELIX...

OH I SEE, THEY PUT HIM IN SHACKLES ...

STRUGGLE STRUGGLE

THUD

KER-CHIK

THE KEY... THAT GUY HAS IT...

PLIP

PLIP

THUD

COM-MANDER, I'VE GOT THE KEYS!

BUT I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING. I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO BACK AND GET HELP...

AND THE KIDNAPPERS WILL WAKE UP BEFORE LONG...

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO UNLOCK THIS!?

CRAP ...

ALEK-
SEI.

THUD

CLINK

CLINK

I NEED TO SAVE THE COMMANDER, AT LEAST.

YOU HOT-HEADED FOOL.

Heh heh...

HE, AT LEAST, HAS TO SURVIVE...

...

I'VE GOTTA BE SEEING THINGS. I'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD...

HUH? WHY IS HE LAUGHING?

HRRRN...

I THINK THIS MUST BE THE FIRST TIME THE COMMANDER HAS EVER PRAISED ME...

YOU DID WELL, ALEKSEI. I'M PROUD OF YOU.

IF ONLY I WERE HUMAN... I COULD UNLOCK HIS SHACKLES IN A HEARTBEAT...

BUT I DIDN'T MANAGE TO DO ANYTHING DESERVING OF SUCH PRAISE.

I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE REBORN AS A HORSE. BUT NOW... I JUST WISH I HAD MY OLD BODY, AND MY HUMAN HANDS...

ALEK-SEI!

TWITCH

AM I DYING ...?

BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

IF ONLY I WERE HUMAN... THE COM-MANDER AND I COULD...

WHAT'S THIS? MY WHOLE BODY FEELS HOT...

Y... YOU'RE ...

A BEAST-MAN!?

!

FWSH

BUT HOW?

I'M... HUMAN...

GASP!

KER-CHAK

THERE, IT'S OFF!!

DAMN IT! WHY'RE THERE SO MANY KEYS!?

THIS ISN'T THE RIGHT ONE?

KER-CHK

YOU IDIOT! YOUR SIDE IS SLASHED OPEN!

GNNGH

COMMANDER... WE NEED TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE...

I'M FINE...

I CAN... HANDLE THIS.

SMILE

IT'S NOT LIKE MY INTESTINES ARE DANGLING OUT.

HEY!

ALEK-SEI!

SLUMP

LIFT

I NEED TO GET COMMANDER FELIX OUT OF HERE...!

I'VE GOTTA GET UP...

I NEED TO...

PROTECT HIM...

TRACK 2 - END

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TRACK 3

HUH...?

MM...

OH RIGHT, I GOT SLASHED WITH A SWORD...

OW

RUSTLE

THIS ISN'T THE STABLES ...

THERE'S A MIRROR!

JUMP

IS THIS THE COM-MANDER'S ROOM?

I MIGHT BE EVEN MORE HANDSOME THAN THE COMMANDER!

MY MOTHER WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MARE, MAYBE IN THIS LIFE...

I WONDER WHAT MY HUMAN FACE LOOKS LIKE.

OWW...

THIS IS WHAT I LOOKED LIKE IN MY LAST LIFE!

I LOOK LIKE AN ORDINARY JAPANESE MAN...

HUH...

I guess I'm around 20 years old?

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...

CRY

I PANICKED LIKE A DEER IN HEADLIGHTS! WAIT, I SHOULDN'T DRAG DEER INTO THIS... LIKE A HORSE IN HEADLIGHTS!

AHH... DARN IT.

IS THIS MY FAULT? FOR THINKING ABOUT MY OLD BODY WHEN I WAS IMAGINING MYSELF AS A HUMAN?

SULK...

MY FACE IS SO... PLAIN.

COM-
MAND-
ER!

ALEKSEI.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WALKING AROUND ON YOUR INJURED LEG?

HE'S SO MUCH TALLER THAN MY HUMAN SELF, TOO...

H-

THAT I COULD EVER BE MORE HANDSOME THAN COMMANDER FELIX.

HOW EMBAR-
RASSING TO HAVE THOUGHT ...

I can't even compare to him ...

NOW GET BACK IN BED BEFORE YOU MAKE YOURSELF WORSE.

WHAT'S WRONG, ALEKSEI? ARE YOU IN PAIN?

COM-MANDER... I...

DAMMIT, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT MY NATURAL PHYSIQUE, BUT...

AHHH...

I DON'T HAVE THE LOOKS TO LIVE UP TO THE NAME YOU GAVE ME.

...

HERE, TAKE THESE FOR THE PAIN AND TO HELP YOU SLEEP.

I'LL CHANGE YOUR BANDAGES NOW. PLACE YOUR LEFT ARM ON MY SHOULDER.

WHAT ABOUT THE MEDIC?

YUP.

DID YOU TAKE THE MEDI-CINE?

CREAK

YOU'VE ONLY BEEN FED BY INFUSION SO FAR, BUT WHEN YOU WAKE UP, WE'LL SWITCH YOU TO SOME SOFT FOODS.

YES, SIR!

YOU'RE *MY* HORSE. I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU MYSELF.

I'M JUST HAPPY THAT MY RIDER LOVES ME SO MUCH!

WHAT?

HEH HEH HEH.

I WAS TOO DISTRACTED TO NOTICE IT IN THE THICK OF THINGS...

SO, THIS IS THE WAY YOU SPEAK...

YOUR HUMAN VOICE.

BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT HOW I REALLY WANTED TO SEE THE COLOR OF YOUR EYES.

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH DARK EYES BEFORE.

I...

I, UHH... DON'T REALLY LOOK THAT HANDSOME, HUH...?

...

YOU WERE WORRYING ABOUT YOUR LOOKS EARLIER TOO.

BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR UNIQUE FEATURES.

PERHAPS YOU'RE THE ONE WITH ODD TASTES?

I WISH I COULD BE MORE LIKE *YOU.*

YOU'RE SO HAND-SOME...

YOU'RE ONLY SAYING THAT 'CAUSE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE LIKE ME BEFORE.

I LOOK JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

NO... YOU REALLY DON'T.

OH.

YOU CAN TRANSFORM FROM A HORSE TO A HUMAN. OF COURSE YOU'RE A BEASTMAN.

...

A BEAST-MAN...? ME?

NOW, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME YOU WERE A BEASTMAN?

IF YOU SAY SO, THEN I GUESS I AM.

HAPPY

But I thought they'd look something like this...

THEY'RE BEING TORTURED AS WE SPEAK, BUT THEY HAVEN'T LET SLIP WHO HIRED THEM YET.

Here you go...

BY THE WAY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THOSE GUYS WHO KIDNAPPED YOU?

CREAK

I'LL CHANGE THESE BANDAGES NEXT, SO PUT YOUR LEG UP HERE.

TMP

THAT'S SO CRUEL.

THOUGH I'M CERTAIN THEY'LL GLADLY TELL US EVERYTHING ONCE THEIR GAGS ARE REMOVED.

OR PERHAPS ARRANGING A LITTLE ENCOUNTER WITH A BEAR.

WITH KIDNAPPING, IT'S BEST TO ESCAPE AFTER YOU CONFRONT THE RINGLEADER BEHIND IT.

THEN YOU CAN GIVE THEM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE LATER ON, SLOWLY STRANGLING THEM TO DEATH...

WHETHER I COULD HAVE GOTTEN AWAY ON MY OWN IS A WHOLE OTHER QUESTION.

NO, NOT AT ALL.

WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING IT WAS BAD THAT I SAVED YOU?

YOUR ORDER ?

HOWEVER, I ***WOULD*** LIKE TO KNOW WHY YOU IGNORED MY DIRECT ORDER.

YOU HAVE TO FLEE WHEN YOU'RE IN DANGER.

YOU CAN'T ALWAYS THROW YOURSELF TOWARDS THE ENEMY.

I COULD NEVER DO THAT.

I CAN RUN LIKE THE WIND!

SO I'VE GOTTA BE THE ONE TO SAVE YOU WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, COMMANDER FELIX!

HMM ...

I MEAN, I SAVED YOU FROM THAT BEAR... AND EVEN AFTER I GOT SLASHED UP...

I WONDER... WHY THAT IS...

WAS IT 'CAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST HUMAN I'D EVER SEEN?

OR MAYBE IT'S SIMPLY IN MY NATURE NOT TO ABANDON A HUMAN BEING.

BUT IF IT WASN'T THE COMMANDER WHO WAS CAPTURED... I DON'T THINK I WOULD'VE RISKED MY LIFE TO SAVE THEM.

IT'S OBVIOUS HOW SPECIAL THE COMMANDER IS TO ME...

LIKE I SAID, I DON'T NEED A REWARD!

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT?

IS THAT NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM?

DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHY?

JUST THINK OF IT AS A SHOW OF AFFECTION FROM YOUR FAITHFUL HORSE.

OKAY LET'S SEE...

WHAT DO I WANT...?

HE SEEMS SO ACCUSTOMED TO BEING TARGETED. I BET HE HAS A TOUGH TIME TRUSTING OTHER PEOPLE.

MAKE SURE YOU RAISE HIM WITH LOVE.

THAT'S RIGHT, LEFÈVRE ONCE SAID...

I WANT YOU TO PRAISE ME WHEN I WORK REALLY HARD!

YAWN

AH, CRAP... I MUST HAVE MADE A WEIRD FACE JUST NOW. I'M WAY TOO SLEEPY...

I GUESS ...

I JUST WANT YOU TO SHOW ME SOME LOVE ONCE A DAY.

HE'LL PROBABLY GET MAD AT ME AGAIN...

NNN...

SHEESH...

I'D NEVER HAVE GUESSED YOU WERE SUCH A LITTLE MINX.

AFTER THAT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT I'D STAY IN COMMANDER FELIX'S TENT WHILE I RECUPERATED.

HE BOUGHT ME EVERYTHING I NEEDED FOR EVERYDAY LIFE, AND IT SEEMS I'M FREE TO USE THE TENT AS I PLEASE.

MY BIGGEST REQUEST WOULD BE MORE CARROTS.

YEAH, I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!

AH HA HA!

SLEEPING IN A COMFY BED IS THE BEST!

HE'S ALSO GIVEN ME HALF HIS BED, SO WE SLEEP TOGETHER EVERY NIGHT.

HEY, LEFÈ-VRE?

THE HORSES SAY THEY'D LIKE TO EAT CARROTS MORE OFTEN.

I'M SURE THEY WOULD, BUT WE GROW ALL OUR OWN VEGETABLES HERE. THERE'S A LIMITED SUPPLY.

AND IT'S YOU HORSES WHO WILL SUFFER IF THE STOCKS RUN OUT.

WHAT A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.

NUDGE

C'MON, LEFÈVRE! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO!

TRANSLATE EVERYTHING, NEWBIE!

DON'T BITE ME!!

I GET THE FEELING YOUR TRANSLATION WASN'T COMPLETELY FAITHFUL.

THIS HORSE HERE WAS JUST SAYING HOW MUCH HE LOVES Y...

CHEW CHEW

OWW WWW!

I'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO HELP OUT LEFÈVRE WHILE I'M RECOVER-ING.

IT'S MORE FUN WHEN I GET TO WORK.

Hmph. Hmph

ASK HIM FOR SOME SUGAR LUMPS, TOO.

AWESOME! THANKS SO MUCH, LEFÈVRE!

SHOW A LITTLE GRATITUDE FIRST!

WELL, OF COURSE I DON'T WANT THE HORSES TO HATE ME, SO I'LL DO WHAT I CAN... BUT NO PROM-ISES.

CHEW

CHEW

BUT REALLY, ALL I'M DOING IS CHATTING WITH THEM.

ACTUALLY, I'D LOVE TO...

YOU'RE NOT GONNA TURN BACK INTO A HORSE?

MY MAIN JOB IS TO INTERPRET FOR THE HORSES.

AS GRATEFUL AS I AM FOR THIS EASY LIFE...

SO I SHOULD STAY LIKE THIS UNTIL I'M FULLY RECOVERED.

BUT THEY SAY IT'S EASIER FOR THEM TO TREAT ME IN HUMAN FORM,

THERE'S JUST ONE THING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME...

WOW!

THIS LOOKS DELI-CIOUS!

I FEEL KINDA BAD THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS TO TRY ALL THESE DIFFERENT FOODS.

OH, THE HORSES TOLD ME TODAY THAT THEY'D REALLY LIKE TO EAT CARROTS MORE OFTEN.

BUT IT DOESN'T SOUND VERY DOABLE.

I SEE.

WELL THEN, I'LL CHECK IF WE CAN MOVE SOME BUDGET AROUND.

REALLY!? THE HORSES WILL BE SO HAPPY!

MUNCH MUNCH

MMM... THAT WAS TASTY.

ALEKSEI.

IT'S... THIS.

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER DAY OF HARD WORK.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ASKED FOR LOVE AND PRAISE.

BUT YOU COULD HAVE JUST GIVEN ME A PAT ON ON THE BACK OR SOME-THING...

THANKS, THAT MEANS A LOT TO ME...

YOU COULD BARELY CALL IT WORK AT ALL.

I MEAN, IT ISN'T EXACTLY HARD WORK...

YOU SUIT FELIX WELL.

YOUR BLACK COAT LOOKS SO GLOSSY AND BEAUTIFUL TODAY!

He said I looked good!

WHEN I WAS A HORSE, I USED TO LOVE IT WHEN LEFÈVRE PATTED ME ON THE BUTT.

HUH?

I'M SHOWING IT WITH MORE THAN MY HANDS. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?

OH, UHH...

YEAH, I GUESS...?

PLUS, SOMETIMES HE'D KISS US ON OUR MUZZLES.

NUZZLE

THAT'S IT! IT MUST BE THE SAME THING! IN THAT CASE, I SHOULD...

COM-MAND-ER.

TUG

AND NOW THE COMMANDER KISSES ME ON THE NOSE...

AND PATS MY BUTT, TOO.

I'LL MAKE SURE TO HEAL UP FAST...

SO WHEN I DO, I WANT YOU TO RIDE ME, OKAY?

YAAAY! MORE PRAISE!

OH! SQUEEZE

Haah...

KISS

WUH!?

HUH!?

UM...

WHAT?

HM?

!

SHLP

TWITCH

KISS

DON'T ...

HAH

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

MMM?

CLENCH

KISS

BLUSH

HUFF

THIS TIME ...

IT'S DIFFER-ENT...

SHIVER...

MM

KISS

Hah

SHUDDER SHUDDER

NO WAY! HIS TONGUE'S IN MY MOUTH!!

PULL

TURNED ON...

Nm... Hahh

KISS

...

Mm Mmm!

Hahh

NOW IT'S LIKE I'M THE ONE PULLING HIM IN!

SQUEEZE

Hahh

ALEKSEI.

Hahh

RUB

OOPS.

SLIP

YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER WHAT YOU ASKED FOR ONCE YOU'VE RECOVERED.

KISS

WHAT DO YOU MEAN !?

DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO ASK?

HM?

WHAT THE HECK?

FWIP

I HAVE... ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT...

THUMP THUMP

AFTER THAT, THE COMMANDER STARTED KISSING ME EVERY MORNING AND EVERY NIGHT.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING HERE!?

WE SLEEP IN THE SAME BED, AND WE KISS ALL THE TIME...

SHK

SHK

THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO THINK THIS THROUGH ON MY OWN!

ALEKSEI? WHAT'S WRONG?

UMM ...

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...

WAH!

LEFÈ-VRE!

AWW, I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT.

YOU REALLY CARE FOR THE HORSES, DON'T YOU?

YOU USED TO PET ME A LOT TOO. I LOVED IT.

"YOUR BROTHER IS GIVING ME SEXUALLY CHARGED KISSES EVERY DAY!"... NO, I CAN'T SAY THAT.

OKAY, SO NOW HOW DO I EXPLAIN THIS?

BEAM

THE COMMANDER'S STRICT WHEN IT COMES TO TRAINING, BUT HE TAKES GOOD CARE OF HIS HORSES TOO, RIGHT?

AND LATELY, HE'S EVEN BEEN KISSING ME ON THE MOUTH...

HE STILL PETS ME AND KISSES ME ON THE NOSE...

EVEN NOW THAT I'M HUMAN, THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

WELL, NOT ALL HORSES... HE ONLY REALLY TAKES CARE OF ME.

I'D BE SURPRISED IF HE HASN'T FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU, ALEKSEI!

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT A LOT, BUT I STILL DON'T QUITE GET IT...

THAT'S JUST PART OF CARING FOR A HORSE, RIGHT!?

OH, THAT'S ...

ACTUALLY,

I WISH YOU TWO HAPPINESS.

UHH...

HUH?

YOU'D BE CRAZY NOT TO FALL FOR A GUY LIKE HIM.

BUT HE KISSED YOU, RIGHT?

YOU WISH US... WAIT, YOU'RE HIS BROTHER! ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THAT!?

ANYWAY, NO ONE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT LOVE...

NO, NO, THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!

AND THERE'S NO WAY MY BROTHER WOULDN'T FALL FOR YOU.

AHHHH!

PLUS, YOU *ARE* ATTRACTIVE.

YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE HOW MUCH YOU TEASE HIM WITH YOUR CUTE DEMANDS.

WHAT!?

THIS MIGHT SOUND SAD TO SAY ABOUT MYSELF, BUT THERE'S *NOTHING* ATTRACTIVE ABOUT ME!

I'M STUPID!

AND I USED TO BE A HORSE!

WELL... I MEAN...

AND ONE OF THE TIMES, YOU ALMOST DIED!

YOU RISKED EVERYTHING TO SAVE HIM *TWICE*!

BUT IT'S CLEAR WHY HE WOULD.

OUR FAMILY DOESN'T CARE ABOUT LINEAGE.

AND FELIX IS QUITE A CATCH.

Hahh Hahh

I'M NOT TRYING TO TEASE HIM! THIS IS ALL A MISUNDER-STANDING!

THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL "THE SUSPEN-SION BRIDGE EFFECT"!

AND YOUR SENSE OF BEAUTY IS ALL MESSED UP!!

URGH!

THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WITH HIM?

OR, ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME...

HE'S SMILING, YET WHAT'S WITH THIS INTIMIDATING FEELING ...?

I'M ALSO HAPPY TO HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL HORSE JOIN OUR FAMILY.

REALLY? THAT'S WONDER-FUL!

OF COURSE... IT'S AN HONOR TO BE LOVED BY HIM...

THAT WOULD BE ABSURD. HE'S MY ONE AND ONLY RIDER...

FAMILY!? JUMPING THE GUN, AREN'T YOU?

That's a good boy.

INCIDENTALLY, MY BROTHER HAS OFTEN COME TO ME FOR ADVICE ABOUT HIS FEELINGS FOR YOU.

SO HOW DID I END UP BACKING MYSELF INTO THIS CORNER?

ALL I WANTED WAS FOR THE COMMANDER TO PET ME LIKE THIS.

I CAN'T DENY THAT I PUSHED THINGS ALONG...

YOU TOLD HIM THAT!?

IT WAS YOU!?

AND I ADVISED HIM TO KISS YOU IF HE REALLY FELT THAT WAY.

UHH...

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...

I DON'T THINK THIS WAS SOMETHING YOU COULD'VE ESCAPED.

I MEAN, A WILD HORSE WHO UNDERSTANDS HUMAN SPEECH IS PRETTY SUSPICIOUS, RIGHT?

YET, HE STILL BROUGHT YOU BACK TO CAMP WITH HIM.

BUT I'M SURE HE FELL FOR YOU AT FIRST SIGHT.

WHEN HE SAID "TO THE BITTER END," HE REALLY MEANT IT...

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STEPPED IN TO SAVE ME. SO STICK WITH ME TO THE BITTER END.

THINKING ABOUT IT NOW, WHEN WE WERE BEING CHASED BY THE BEAR...

OKAY...

I'LL GIVE IT...

CLENCH

MY BEST SHOT.

AHH... HE'S REALLY GETTING A KICK OUT THIS, ISN'T HE?

GREAT! I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!

POMF

TRACK 3 - END

THE RUTHLESS COMMANDER AND HIS
REINCARNATED WARHORSE

TRACK 4

OOPS!

STAGGER

OH!

LOOKS LIKE I WON'T NEED THAT CRUTCH ANYMORE...

HUP...

I'M FINE...

BWAH!

ALEKSEI! ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL. YOU'VE STILL GOT YOUR STITCHES.

I JUST GOT OVER-EXCITED, NOW THAT I CAN WALK A BIT.

WHAP WHAP

TH

BWEH!

4D

YEAH, BETTER NOT GET MORE INJURIES WHILE I'M STILL RECOVER-ING...

!

Heh

THAT WASN'T HIM CHEERING ME ON THROUGH MY REHABILITATION.

HAHA...

THE COMMANDER... IS LOOKING AT ME WITH THAT SMILE ON HIS FACE AGAIN.

I ALREADY KNEW THAT, BUT STILL!!

HE WAS LAUGHING AT MY SUFFERING AS I HOBBLED AROUND!

HIS PERSONALITY *STINKS*!!

GREAT JOB OUT THERE TODAY. LET ME REWARD YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

WHAT'S WRONG? COME AND SIT LIKE YOU ALWAYS DO.

PAT

PAT

SWP

...

REWARD ME, HUH? I SAW YOU LAUGHING AT ME WHILE I WAS TRYING TO WALK.

IT FELT LIKE YOU WERE MAKING FUN OF ME.

I WAS MERELY ADMIRING YOU.

DON'T BE SO CROSS NOW.

SURE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE IT.

KISS

THIS SHAMELESS OPPORTUNISM IS THE PROBLEM WITH army CULTURE!

BUT IN THE TENT, HE'S ALWAYS KISSING ME.

IN PUBLIC, HE'S THE EMBODIMENT OF A SERIOUS SOLDIER...

HE'S SUCH A GOOD KISSER...

FWOOSH

COMMANDER!

BUT KISSING IS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE FEELINGS FOR ONE ANOTHER!

THOUGH I SUPPOSE I'M PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR GETTING SWEPT AWAY BY HOW GOOD IT FEELS...

DOES HE REALLY THINK IT'S OKAY TO DO THIS AS LONG AS HE GAUGES THE TIME AND PLACE IS RIGHT?

HE'S SO DOMINEERING!

DO YOU REALLY LIKE ME LIKE THAT!?

HE HASN'T EVEN TOLD ME HOW HE FEELS ABOUT ME!!

LEFÈVRE SAID THAT HE FELL FOR ME, BUT...

...

MAYBE HE JUST ENJOYS SEEING ME IN DISTRESS!?

I DO LIKE YOU.

I... !?

I LOVE YOU, ALESKEI.

...LOVE

GASP

HUH ...?

I DO, TOO...

I...

... ...

I LOVE YOU.

BUT I THINK IT WAS INEVITABLE.

I DO FEEL GUILTY ...

FOR FALLING FOR HIM THIS DAMN FAST.

MY FACE FEELS HOT...

BLUUSH

TUG

WITH THE COMMANDER... KISSING ME LIKE THIS ME EVERY SINGLE DAY...

IT WOULD BE WEIRD NOT TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM.

TMP...

I HOPE IT HEALS QUICKLY.

OW...

THROB...

DOES THE WOUND STILL HURT?

PULL

ALL ACROSS THE RED MARK...

I DUNNO ...

IT WAS AN HONORABLE INJURY. I'M PRETTY ATTACHED TO IT NOW.

ON YOUR SMOOTH SKIN.

IN THAT CASE, I'LL BE SURE TO TOUCH YOU WITH EVEN MORE LOVE AND CARE.

Hah

AH...

TWITCH

Heh

AND ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR STITCHES OUT, I'LL PET YOU ***DOWN HERE***, TOO.

SLIP

...

COM-MANDER ...

NN.

KISS

AH!

COM-
MAND-
ER...

...!

PLEASE
...

LET GO
OF MY
HANDS
...

IF HE
KEEPS
TOUCHING
ME THERE
WHILE WE
KISS...

Mm!

SHUDDER

Hah

SHUDDER

HE'S
TOTALLY
DOING
THIS ON
PUR-
POSE.

I...
I SEE
EXACTLY
WHAT'S
GOING
ON!

ALEK-
SEI.

DROOP...

Nn

TRAINING ME TO GET HARD FROM JUST HIS KISS...!

TREMBLE...

HE...

HE'S BEEN...

CLENCH

BUT... I LIKE THAT ABOUT HIM, TOO...

FELIX REALLY DOES HAVE A ROTTEN PERSONALITY! ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE!

I GUESS I'M LUSTING FOR MY RIDER NOW...

GLANCE

MY WOUNDS HAVE FINALLY HEALED.

THE COMMANDER WILL BE THRILLED.

Ahhh...

THANKS, DOC!

I'VE SEEN HOW CAREFUL YOU'VE BEEN THIS LAST MONTH. YOU SHOULD BE FINE NOW.

AND I SUSPECT I'LL BE SAYING GOODBYE TO MY VIRGINITY EVEN BEFORE THAT.

...

AFTER SIX MONTHS, IT'S NEARLY TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO THE SOLDIERS' TRAINING CAMP...

N...

AH...

NO MOOORE...

HFF!

HAAH

NGH!

LOOK WHAT A MESS YOU ARE JUST FROM MY FINGERS.

GLRP

YOU SURE ARE SENSITIVE, ALEKSEI.

SHLRK SHLRK

AH...

KISS

TWITCH

HAAH

COM-MAN-DER ...!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO ME...

TWITCH

SHLRK SHLRK

SHLRK

AAAH!

SHUDDER SHUDDER

RUB

HE WAS SO GENTLE WHILE I WAS HEALING FROM MY INJURIES ...

KISS

BUT NOW HE'S LIKE A RAVENOUS BEAST.

HAAH...

NN.

FLINCH

SHIVER SHIVER

TWITCH

YOUR HANDS...

FEELS SO GOOD...

(Hook)

HYAAH!

SHIVER

PUSH PUSH

GRCH

TURN

ALEK-SEI.

I WISH I COULD STOP MOANING LIKE THAT...

MMM...

DRIP

AH...

TWITCH

NGH!

DON'T HOLD IT IN.

HN!

W...

WAIT ...

HAAH

DRIP..

SHUDDER SHUDDER

MMM...!

AH!

SHUUUU...

TWIST

LICK

TWITCH

SUCK

I...

WANNA COME...

HAH

C-COMMANDER...

HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS. HE NEVER LETS ME COME.

HRGH ...

NOT YET.

EVEN WHEN HE PLAYS WITH MY ASS OR TOUCHES MY DICK, HE ALWAYS STOPS HALFWAY THROUGH.

Ah♡

SOME-TIMES HE DOESN'T GO PAST KISSING...

AND WON'T LET ME COME NO MATTER HOW EXCITED IT GETS ME.

AND NEVER HELPS ME FINISH.

HE ALWAYS COMES FIRST...

KEEPING ME ON EDGE... IS HIS VERSION OF OBEDIENCE TRAINING.

AND TODAY WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME...

PULL

HE'S GOING TO MAKE ME WAIT UNTIL IT DRIVES ME CRAZY...

I JUST ...

Mm...

THE TRUTH IS, ALL I'VE BEEN ABLE TO THINK ABOUT...

FWUMP

I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE ...

COM-
MAND-
ER...

IS HOW
MUCH
I WANT
HIM
INSIDE
ME.

TRACK 4 - END



THE RUTHLESS COMMANDER AND HIS
REINCARNATED WARHORSE!

TRACK 5

THE COMMANDER HAS KEPT ME ON EDGE WITH HIS OBEDIENCE TRAINING EVER SINCE...

MM...

AH!

EVERY TIME HE THRUSTS HIS HIPS, I CAN FEEL HIM SLAM AGAINST MY COCK. IT FEELS AMAZING, BUT... IT'S NOT ENOUGH.

TONIGHT, WE'RE HAVING THIGH SEX.

AND I KNOW HE KNOWS IT, TOO.

COM-MANDER... I CAN'T ...

I JUST KEEP WISHING THAT HE WOULD THRUST IT INTO ME.

NN

KISS

NM...

CREAK

NM

RUB

RUB

NN!

CREAK

CREAK

TWITCH

HAAH...

NGH.

KISS

I'M BEG-GING YOU...

COM-MAND-ER...

ALEKSEI.

HAAH

PLEASE
...

YOU FINALLY SAID IT.

I WANT YOU INSIDE ME...

HEH.

I'M ALREADY TRYING SO HARD WITH ALL THIS DIRTY STUFF...

SO CRUEL...

AH... COM-MAND-ER?

I SWEAR YOU'RE TOO CUTE FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

IF YOU WANT IT THAT BADLY...

YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT IT IN YOURSELF.

HUH?

(Haah)

YOU CAN DO THAT, CAN'T YOU?

KISS

CREAK

WHOA!

HERE.

PUT IT IN... MY-SELF?

I...

I CAN'T ...

TWITCH

PRESS

LIFT

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWAL-LOW...

SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

I WAS A HERBIVORE AS A HORSE,

AND I'M THE SAME AS A HUMAN...

BUT I...

BLUUSH

DON'T YOU WANT IT?

Y...

YEAH, BUT...

BUT I KNOW-THE COMMANDER WOULD NEVER MAKE THINGS EASY FOR ME.

PUTTING IT IN MYSELF IS SO EMBAR-RASSING!

HNGH ...

...

Hah

GLECH

SLP

AND BESIDES, MY ASS CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER, SO...

MGH!

NNN...

SHLP

NN!

AH...

Hah.

Hah.

SO THIS IS HOW MY FAITHFUL HORSE SHOWS HIS AFFECTION, HUH?

Hah.

WEIRD ...

MY STOMACH... FEELS STUFFED.

IT'S...

HOT...

THRUST

NGH!

...!

SHIRK

WELL DONE, ALEKSEI.

COM-MAND-ER...

BRUSH

HUH!?

WAH!

SWAY

NOW IT'S YOUR RIDER'S TURN TO SHOW HIS AFFECTION.

COM-MAN-DER...!

AAH!

SQUEEZE

HOLD ONTO ME. I DON'T WANT YOU FALLING.

IT'S ALL IN NOW.

NGH!

AAH!

THAT'S A GOOD BOY. JUST LIKE THAT.

AH!

CREAK

SHLAP

SHUDDER SHUDDER

I...

I'M GONNA ...

TWITCH

(Hah)

...

AH!

NN!

AAH!

CREAK

CREAK

AH!

SHLAP

SHLAP

IT FEELS SO GOOD...

Haah

AH...

WAIT...

FWUMP

WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME...?

CREAK

AH!

TWITCH

CREAK

AH!

NN!

NN...

I THINK THE PLEASURE'S DRIVING ME CRAZY.

COMMANDER! LOOK, I'M ALL HEALED UP! CAN WE GO FOR A WALK NOW?

HUH? WHEN DID I TURN BACK INTO A HORSE?

I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW!

I LOOK SO HANDSOME, AND I CAN RUN SO FAST!

AND MOST OF ALL, I LOVE THAT THE COMMANDER CAN RIDE ME!

BEING A HUMAN WAS GREAT AND ALL, BUT I REALLY LOVE BEING A HORSE!

ALEK-SEI.

RIDE ME LOTS, OKAY?

YEAH. FOR A BIT.

NN... DID I FALL ASLEEP?

ARE YOU AWAKE?

I THINK ...

I WAS DREAM-ING...

AH!

TWITCH

HUH!?

YOU'RE STILL INSIDE!?

WAIT, IT FEELS LIKE HE CAME TWO OR THREE TIMES INSIDE ALREADY ...

HAAH...

YOU WANTED IT SO BADLY EARLIER. ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO END SO QUICKLY?

SQUEEZE

URGH... I...

Ah!

I'M C-CUTE ...?

...

HEH.

BESIDES, YOU WERE SO CUTE, I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF.

ARE YOU TIRED?

...

JEEZ, WHY IS THAT FACE THE FIRST THING I HAVE TO SEE WHEN I WAKE UP!?

OH MY GOD...

HE'S SO DAMN COOL!

TWITCH

GLRP

THRUST

AAAH!

Hmm

I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT I WAS MESMERIZED BY HIS HANDSOME FACE...

BRUSH

I'LL BE SURE TO CLEAN YOU UP LATER, SO YOU CAN GO ON AND SLEEP IF YOU WANT.

HMM

Hah

KISS

NN...

AH...

TWITCH

CHIP

Haah

KISS

HAS THE COMMANDER EVER SPOKEN TO ME SO GENTLY BEFORE?

Hahh...

AH!

HAAH!

COM-MAND-ER...

IT'S SO GOOD...

NN!

IF ONLY HE'D SPEAK TO ME LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME...

OH WELL, THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS GONNA GO THE WAY I WANT.

SIGH

WHAT A SIGH! YOU SEEM TROUBLED.

DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT?

LEFÈVRE!

You're so nice!

AFTER ALL, WHAT'S TROU-BLING ME IS THAT...

Some-thing wrong?

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TALK TO LEFÈVRE ABOUT THIS...

IT'S FINE. IT'S BETWEEN ME AND THE COMMANDER, SO I'LL FIGURE SOMETHING OUT ON MY OWN.

Are you sure?

TO THINK HE'D SHOW ME HOW AMAZING IT FEELS ...

IT'S TOTAL HELL.

ONLY TO PUT ME BACK IN OBEDIENCE TRAINING...!

AAAAAAAAHHH!

It's all coming back!!

NOW I KNOW HOW GOOD ANAL SEX FEELS!

WAAAA!!

JUST THIS ONCE, I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!

WHY DOES MY RIDER HAVE TO BE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST ASSHOLE !?

BUT EVERY NOW AND THEN HE'LL GIVE IN, SO AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO DO SO, I STILL END UP BEGGING FOR IT.

USUALLY HE WON'T DO MY ASS NO MATTER HOW MUCH I BEG...

OR THAT WAS MY INTEN-TION, BUT...

ALEKSEI.

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY.

WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M THE ONE IN TROUBLE HERE?

YES SIR?

WHAT ABOUT THE FIRST TIME? I WORKED SUPER HARD TO PUT IT IN ALL BY MYSELF.

WHAT? THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL.

BUT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, YOU NEVER INITIATE OR TAKE THE LEAD DURING SEX, SO I END UP DOING ALL THE WORK.

THAT'S SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU GAVE IN TO PLEASURE.

...HUH?

HE JUST DISRE-GARDED ALL OF MY HARD WORK!

WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

BUT YOU GET SO OVERWHELMED BY ANY BIT OF PLEASURE I GIVE YOU.

YEAH, I LOVE YOU TOO!

I LOVE YOU.

YOU LOVE IT SO MUCH, YOU QUICKLY LOSE ALL SENSE OF REASON.

OVER-WHELMED ...?

THAT'S TRUE. YOU'RE A MAN, AND SO AM I.

ISN'T THAT PRETTY NORMAL ...?

I MEAN... YEAH, I'M A GUY...

HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY... IS THIS SOME KIND OF TRICK?

AFTER ALL THIS TIME LIVING OUR ***HAPPY COUPLE'S TENT LIFE,*** YOU MUST BE ABLE TO TELL HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU!

IF YOU CAN'T HELP BEING OVER-WHELMED IN BED,

THEN AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME REASSURANCE BY SHOWING ME YOU LOVE ME BACK.

WHAT!?

DO YOU REALLY THINK I'M ONLY WITH YOU FOR THE SEX!?

KA-TAK

R...?

RIGHT?

WAIT... YOU COULDN'T TELL?

...!

SIGH

...

WAIT... WHAAAT?

HEARING HIM SAY THAT...

I GUESS HE'S BEEN FEELING INSECURE ...

TRACK 5 - END

THE RUTHLESS COMMANDER AND HIS
REINCARNATED WARHORSE

LAST TRACK

YES.

ARE WE REALLY DOING THIS?

ST-

STOP THAT.

...

GRAB

IF YOU CAN'T HELP BEING OVER-WHELMED IN BED,

THEN AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME REASSURANCE BY SHOWING ME YOU LOVE ME BACK.

IS WHAT HE SAID, BUT...

I'VE... NEVER GIVEN ANYONE A BLOWJOB BEFORE...

PANIC

But it's even thicker than a carrot...

Y-You want me to suck it!?

TO THINK WHAT HE WAS ASKING FOR WAS A BLOW JOB...

IT'S FINE IF YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT IT AT FIRST. YOU'LL LEARN WITH EXPERIENCE.

OH, MAN ...

HE'S PLANNING MY NEXT BLOWJOB ALREADY!

HE'S SO SCARY!

I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HIM TO KILL SOMEONE FOR THAT!

THEN I'M HONORED TO BE BOTH YOUR FIRST AND YOUR LAST.

PAT

BESIDES, IF YOU HAD, I MIGHT HAVE HAD TO KILL THEM.

BRUSH...

IF I DON'T HURRY UP, HE'S GONNA START STRETCHING OUT MY CHEEKS!

PUU

UUULL...

HE'S PINCHING ME...

MM.

PINCH

UMM...

COM-MAND-ER?

SO PLEASE DON'T GET MAD IF YOU FEEL MY TEETH...

IT'S MY FIRST TIME...

OF COURSE I WON'T.

AND DON'T YOU WORRY, I'LL BE SURE TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

KISS

I'LL...

DO THE BEST I CAN...

I BET HE'S GONNA BITE MY DICK OFF IF I MESS UP...

HE MAKES IT SOUND SO THREATEN-ING!

ふるふる

HMM...

SO, SHALL I START BY UNZIPPING YOUR PANTS WITH MY TEETH?

I mean, while we're at it. might as well!!

BRUSH

AH...

NO, YOU'RE JUST A LITTLE PERVERT.

SLIP

WHERE DID YOU LEARN ABOUT A THING LIKE THAT?

HUH!?

ISN'T THAT SOMETHING ALL MEN WISH FOR DEEP DOWN?

HERE GOES NOTH-ING.

OKAY...

WELL...

AND IF I'M A PERVERT, IT'S DEFINITELY HIS FAULT...

Heh.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO RUDE!

FWIP

SWFFF

ZIIIIP...

Aaahm

I'VE PICKED UP PLENTY FROM MANGA, NOVELS, AND VIDEOS.

THOUGH I NEVER IMAGINED I'D BE THE ONE DOING IT TO ANOTHER GUY.

I WASN'T A CITIZEN OF THE COUNTRY OF PORN FOR NOTHING!

HOW'S THIS!? SEE? EVEN I CAN DO SOMETHING AS SIMPLE AS THIS!

NN

FLINCH

PULL

SLURP

OKAY, I'VE BEEN LICKING FOR A WHILE NOW... I SHOULD PROBABLY MOVE ON, RIGHT?

THIS WAS INSIDE MY BUTT!?

SEEING IT UP CLOSE REALLY DRIVES IT HOME...

IT'S...

HUUUGE!

EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONE BLOWING HIM...

...

IS HE GETTING WORRIED BECAUSE I'M TAKING SO LONG...?

YOU CAN TOUCH YOURSELF WHILE YOU SUCK ME IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER.

Haah

SOMEHOW... IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY, TOO...

CLENCH

I'M NOT INTIMIDATED OR ANYTHING, OKAY?

ALREADY LOST THE ABILITY TO THINK CLEARLY

I MEAN, HE'S NOT WRONG, THOUGH!

BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT I'M WEAK TO PLEASURE ...

HE PROBABLY FIGURES I'LL DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS I'M GETTING SOMETHING FROM IT TOO...

BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

SLOWLY...

Ahm

SUUUCK

LICK

THE SOUNDS ARE RESONATING IN MY HEAD. I FEEL WEIRD...

Ngh..

Nm

Mm

SUCK

SUCK

SUCK

MMPH...

...

SLURP

(Haah)

I'M ABOUT TO COME.

SLURP

MM.

THINK YOU CAN SWALLOW IT?

BUT I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, OKAY!?

YEAH, IT MIGHT BE TRUE THAT I'M WEAK TO PLEASURE.

NGH!

TWITCH

GULP

HAHH.

BA-DUMP

I CAN STILL TASTE IT...

AH...

BLUUUSH

HAH.

ALEK-SEI.

LEAN

FIDGET

TWITCH

I GUESS IT WON'T BE LONG UNTIL I GET A TASTE OF MY OWN TOO...

THE COMMANDER MUST NOT MIND THE TASTE OF HIS OWN CUM...

AH...

POMF

HAAH...

FWUMP

COULD YOU FEEL HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU?

I COULD INDEED.

I EXPECT MY INSECURITIES WILL RESURFACE FROM TIME TO TIME...

SO I'LL NEED YOUR HELP THEN, TOO.

YOU'RE HOPE-LESS...

I'D BE GLAD TO.

KISS

HOW-EVER.

KISS

BRUSH

NOW ITS MY TURN.

TWITCH

OH, THIS IS...

I CAN TELL RIGHT AWAY FROM HOW HE TOUCHES ME.

Haah

KISS

COM-MAND-ER...

AH...

ENOUGH TIMES TO KNOW...

I'VE BEEN LEFT HANGING BY HIS OBEDIENCE TRAINING...

HE HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING ME COME EASILY TODAY.

I'M GONNA ***SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY*** SPOIL YOU ALL NIGHT LONG.

SHIVER

MM...

ZZZ

ZZZ

LOOK, LEFÈVRE!

HE'S RUNNING IN HIS SLEEP.

FLOP

FLOP

HAVE YOU FINISHED PACKING YOUR BELONG-INGS?

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE REST ON MY OWN HERE, ALEKSEI.

HEH HEH.

HUP!

WHAT WERE YOU DREAMING ABOUT?

GLANCE

GLANCE

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ANYWAY!

Where's my carrot?

OH!

HE'S AWAKE.

DAZED

RUSTLE

THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO ASK THE COMMANDER.

OH, THAT'S RIGHT ...

I'M HOME!

HE'S NOT EVEN LOOKING AT ME.

COM-MANDER, I'M BACK!

I GOT SNACKS! DO YOU WANT SOME?

MAYBE LATER.

HEY, COM-MANDER FELIX?

MAYBE I CAN JUST ASK HIM QUICKLY...

THE TRAINING CAMP WILL BE WRAPPING UP IN THREE DAYS.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, FELIX HAS BEEN BUSY WITH PAPERWORK.

CAN I GO BACK TO THE FOREST?

PLP

WHAT?

CLATTER

YOU...

...!

FWSH

AHHH!

ARE YOU OKAY!?

WHOA!

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM MAKE A CLUMSY MISTAKE LIKE THAT BEFORE...

GLANCE

A VISIT ...?

SO BEFORE THAT, I'D LIKE TO GO FOR A VISIT...

ALL THE WAY TO THE CASTLE, RIGHT?

I MEAN, NOW THAT THE TRAINING CAMP IS ALMOST OVER, WE'LL BE GOING FAR AWAY FROM THE FOREST.

YOU WANT TO VISIT ...

ONE LAST TIME ...?

YEAH. BUT I DUNNO HOW TO GET THERE.

CAN YOU COME WITH ME?

BUT I GUESS SINCE YOU'RE IN CHARGE, MAYBE YOU CAN'T LEAVE JUST LIKE THAT.

HUH!?

YANK

MY MOM IS PROBABLY STILL WORRIED THAT HER SON GOT EATEN BY A BEAR OR SOMETHING.

SO I'D LIKE TO GO BACK ONE LAST TIME AND LET HER KNOW I'M STILL ALIVE.

SORRY! I DROPPED THEM-

Mgh!

THE PAPERS!

FLAP

FLAP

WHOA!

SQUEEZE

...

NORMALLY, HE'D BE PULLING MY CHEEKS FOR MESSING UP LIKE THAT.

?

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?

HE'S NOT EVEN MAD THAT THE PAPERS FLEW EVERY-WHERE...

YOU MUST ALWAYS TELL ME BEFORE YOU GO ANYWHERE, YOU HEAR ME?

COM-MANDER?

I MEAN IT.

?

SQUEEZE

?

?

BUT I *AM* TELLING YOU.

OKAY, I GET IT! I'LL BE SURE TO TELL YOU!

SQUEEZE

MMGH!

NUZZLE

YOU'RE SQUEEZING ME SO TIGHT I CAN'T BREATHE.

I'M STILL YOUR HORSE, AFTER ALL!

I'M SURE THAT THERE WILL BE ALL KINDS OF PLACES I WANT TO GO IN THE FUTURE...

BUT IT'S UP TO MY RIDER TO SHOW ME THE WAY, RIGHT?

KISS

Hahh

ALEKSEI.

I'LL TRY TO TREAT YOU MORE KINDLY NOW AND THEN.

HM?

UMM ...

BUT ...

YOU *ARE* KIND TO ME.

...

JUMP

R...

REALLY !?

YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME FEEL SO GOOD...

WHENEVER WE HAVE SEX...

TODAY, TOO... IT WAS AMAZING.

...

I WAS TALKING ABOUT OUTSIDE OF THE BEDROOM.

OH, THAT!

Oops. I gave you my thoughts on the sex instead.

BUT... WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY BEING SO NICE?

LEFÈVRE WARNED ME, REMEMBER?

OH, THAT I'LL RUN AWAY IF YOU'RE ALWAYS MEAN?

I STILL LOVE YOU, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT NICE! I'M NEVER GONNA RUN AWAY!

NO WAY, I'D NEVER DO THAT!

...

SO...

CAN I GO HOME?

THAT YOU'LL RETURN TO THE HERD AND NEVER COME BACK TO ME.

NOT WHILE THERE'S A CHANCE ...

NOT YET.

AWW ...

HE'S USUALLY SO MEAN, I NEVER GUESSED HE MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

I'M NOT ...

MGH!

WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT RIDICULOUS FACE?

Hm.

AM I REALLY NOT ALLOWED TO GO BACK TO THE FOREST?

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? NO.

HEY, COM-MAND-ER?

CREAK

?

...

Urgh...

BA-DUMP

HE'S TOO CUTE!

I'M BEGGING YOU!

PLEASE!

I PROMISE I'LL COME BACK!

COM-
MANDER!

CLOP CLOP

I JUST FINIS-

TRIP

!

OW!

OOPS!

Eep!

SORRY, MY LEGS GOT TANGLED UP.

BE MORE CARE-FUL.

YOU SURE LOOK HAPPY.

MY SENSES GET ALL WEIRD WHEN I CHANGE FROM HORSE TO HUMAN.

YEAH!

IT WAS GREAT SEEING MY MOM AND MY FRIENDS AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS!

YOU SHOULD HAVE COME WITH ME!

WHAT? ARE YOU STILL MAD THAT I KEPT PESTERING YOU TO LET ME COME BACK TO THE FOREST?

...

WOULD YOU...

RATHER LIVE HERE AFTER ALL?

LEAP

YES, REALLY! JEEZ...

REALLY?

I MEAN, OF COURSE IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO SAY GOODBYE...

BUT I PROMISED I'D COME BACK TO YOU.

WHOMP

OH.

HOP A weasel...

HAVE THEY COME TO TAKE YOU AWAY!?

YANK

!?

IT'S MY MOM AND MY FRIENDS!

COM-MANDER, LOOK!

NEIIIGH...

YOU WORRY TOO MUCH...

STARE

...

YES, UM... NICE TO MEET YOU.

GRIN

SHE SAYS SHE'S GLAD TO MEET YOU IN PERSON!

I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU EARLIER. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE COME TO SAY HELLO.

Hnn..

It's a pleasure to meet you.

RE

I WANT TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER.

IF YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY, THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

SQUEEZE

HEY.

HOW ABOUT TONIGHT ...?

HA HA HA... SURE THING!

AND...

WHISPER

I CAN DO *THAT* FOR YOU AGAIN WHENEVER YOU FEEL INSECURE.

EVEN MY MOM SAID I SHOULD DO WHATEVER MAKES ME HAPPY.

HE'S JUST HOPELESS LIKE THAT. THAT'S WHY...

Oh, my!

HE'S THE KIND OF GUY WHO NEEDS A BLOWJOB TO BE SURE OF MY LOVE FOR HIM.

I'M REALLY GLAD YOU CHOSE ME TO BE YOUR HORSE.

YOU KNOW?

I GUESS I CAN LET MYSELF GET SWEPT AWAY BY HIM A WHILE LONGER.

LAST TRACK - END

EPILOGUE

❴ I'll Go Anywhere With You ❵

By Sakashima

My mane ruffled in the wind as it blew, carrying the smell of the vast skies. The path before me was illuminated by sunlight filtered through the leaves above, and though my hooves felt light on the warm, dappled earth, my excited footfalls were strong enough to kick up leaves and dirt alike as I cantered boldly through the forest.

I might not be able to run at full speed along these natural, unpaved tracks, but that in itself afforded me the endurance to keep going without pause for a considerably longer stretch.

"Just keep on straight ahead."

I could also keep going, of course, because my rider was astride my back to guide me.

When I judged we'd be out of the woods in a few minutes' time, I slowed down to a walk and then stopped. I shook my head and gave a snort, signaling him to dismount.

"Wait just a moment." Understanding my intent, my rider—and lover—removed my saddle and the day pack of my human accoutrements, and took a step back. And, with a leap and a

shout, I transformed into my human form.

"What's the matter?" He asked.

"I wanted to say thanks before we left the forest."

My rider, Lieutenant Colonel Felix, passed me a cloak from the day pack to cover myself, and I quickly pulled on underwear and shoes. To be honest, turning from horse to human and back again could be a real pain sometimes.

"It was really wonderful to see Mom and everyone again after so long. So thank you, Commander."

Of course, if the commander had never abducted me in the first place, I might still be living my carefree horse life here with my family. But that's all water under the bridge. I just wanted to put the past behind us and give credit where credit's due. So with a broad smile, I opened my arms and gave him a warm, grateful hug.

"I'm just glad you're happy." Felix returned the hug with a kind smile and nodded.

"Yeah! I can't wait for next time!"

"Next time…?"

"Huh?" I looked up to where Felix's low voice had descended from. The instant I saw his narrowed eyes, I realized I had said something to upset him.

I'm so stupid… Why can't I keep my damn mouth shut?

"Tell me. Have you already set a date for your return?"

"Nope, I haven't even thought about it! Come on, I've told you so many times already! I'm not gonna go back to the herd."

"…"

"Uhhh…but I guess I ***do*** plan on visiting again…maybe," I mumbled vaguely, unable to withstand Felix's wordless demand for an answer. And as I'd feared, his brow furrowed even deeper

at my response.

The commander wore a stern expression even at the best of times, but he was still quick to show his displeasure at the slightest provocation. To tell the truth, he could be quite scary when he wanted to.

I tried to back out of the embrace, but Felix cut off my escape with a firm hand on my hips, then reached out with the other hand to touch my cheek.

…Huh? This is surprisingly gentle…

His fingertips traced upwards to my temple, then brushed across my skin to run behind my ear. His vexingly soft caress erased all traces of my desire to escape.

Wait…huh? This feels a bit…dirty…

I bit my lip, trying to distract myself from the loud pounding of my heart. If I were to let my guard down, the warmth of Felix's palm on the nape of my neck would surely send me over the edge.

"Ngh!" The next moment, I felt myself pulled in with inescapable force, and Felix pressed his lips to mine as though devouring me. "Mn…!"

Though I was confident that my tongue was the more experienced between us, I was unable to resist when Felix pried open my lips and thrust his inside. I knew from experience that resistance would only prolong the torture, so instead I wrapped my arms around him, closed my eyes, and leaned into the kiss.

Felix's tongue snaked forcefully into every corner of my mouth, and I gulped down his saliva before it could overflow. The moment was so sweet and so painful that my eyelashes were soon wet with tears.

"Nh… Mmn… Haah…"

The kiss started drivingly insistent, but grew gradually calmer as he kissed me again and again. And although when I drew away for breath, my lips were instantly enveloped again, this time the touch was softer, and the tongue exploring my mouth felt more sensual than invasive. He sucked gently on my dripping tongue, sending shivers down my spine.

My breathing became ragged as I gasped for air, and my body burned from within with a fiery passion. If only we hadn't been outdoors, I probably wouldn't have been able to resist the heat of the moment, and would have gone all the way with him right then and there.

Maybe…he's in a better mood by now…?

I put one hand over Felix's approaching mouth and quickly brushed the saliva off my chin with the back of the other.

"Wait! Seriously, please wait!" I pushed the commander away with both hands and stepped back, my eyes still teary.

There might not have been any other humans around, but we were still outside. I knew the birds loved to watch stuff like this. What's more, they'd already called their friends and an audience had built up around us.

Weasels, too, are more perverted than you might expect. In fact, they were probably hiding somewhere in the bushes already, staring at us. With all the eyes on us out here, I would never want to go any further than a few kisses.

"Listen, I'm really grateful that you let me visit my mom. And as your faithful horse, I'll definitely be sure to tell you if I want to visit again. But I promise, I won't be asking for that anytime soon. So don't think too much about what I said earlier, okay?"

"Why are you already so sure you'll want to come back?"

"Oh, for crying out loud…!"

Felix could look pretty cute when he pouted, but I wished he would stop with all of the loaded questions. I decided I had no choice but to tell him how I really felt. So I clenched my fists and steeled myself for his reaction.

"O-Of course I want to come back home sometimes! Even if it can't be this year or next year, I'll want to visit eventually. And maybe after a few years, it can become an annual thing. Well, I guess a soldier's life is pretty busy, so I don't mind if it's once every two years. But either way, I'd like to come back for regular visits."

It had become second nature to choose my words carefully around Felix, piling compromise upon compromise. I raised a fist in hopes of showing him my resolve.

"…That's too often." Perhaps Felix did give it a moment's thought, but he quickly frowned again, clearly unhappy with the suggestion.

"It's not often at all…" I forced a smile. "You know, I actually want to come back twice a year… I'm already compromising a lot. I'd love to come back at the end of summer, and again around new year's. Although, I guess if I wanna eat the tasty new shoots, then the beginning of spring would be best. At any rate, I want to come back to the home I was raised in and spend the whole day just grazing and lying around. Doesn't your culture have something like that?"

The forest was my solace from the rigors of human life, unconstrained by time, with no training and no work. I could eat and sleep whenever I pleased, and run freely with the other horses. A perfect wilderness vacation. Though predators were always a danger, I still missed all the sleeping in and lazing around. Just thinking about it brought a relaxed smile to my face.

"Haah…"

I shrank under Felix's exasperated sign and dark, steady glare. "Wh-What now...?"

"Is that really something you can only do here?" He asked. "If you so wish, I could have a pasture made and fenced off for you near the city. There could be grasslands, hills, trees, lakes, and even a sandpit. You'd have all the space you could wish for."

"It scares me to think you might actually do that."

"What, you think I'm joking?"

"I certainly don't think so now…"

Feeling the question once more in Felix's sharp gaze, I shook my head and clasped his hand in both of mine.

"Do you not like my forest home?"

"All forests are inconvenient for humans."

"Is it inconvenient enough for you to dislike the whole forest?" This time I clasped both his hands and looked him sincerely in the eye. "Do you *really* not like it?" I blinked once. "Do you not like being here?" I blinked again. "D-Do you *hate* it?" As I blinked a third time, I felt the words catch in my throat, and my heart sank.

Felix turned away from me, his face contorted into an awkward expression as he whispered quietly, "Of course not. This forest is where you were born. I could never hate this place."

"Oh, thank goodness! This forest is my home, and I love it. So... you'll let me come back to visit sometimes, won't you?"

"Tsk…" Felix clicked his tongue irritably.

"But for now, I'll stay right by your side, and I won't ask to come back until you finally trust me… But I expect that won't be for another year or too, so I'd better take a last look before we go."

He still looked disapproving, but he didn't go so far as to deny me.

Hand in hand with Felix, I retraced the road I had once trodden as a horse. Sunlight streamed through the shivering leaves, illuminating our path. The soothing forest air embraced my warm body. I noticed that the birds were still chirping far more than usual, but I figured their excitement would eventually subside.

Inhaling deeply, I savored the rich forest scent. The smell of the dirt and grass I kicked up had settled, but when the wind blew, it carried the faint fragrance into the air, lifting my spirits. With a smile, I tugged Felix closer, showering him with kisses—first on his cheek, then on his forehead, nose, temples, and earlobes, and even on his perpetually furrowed brow.

I didn't mind letting the birds watch a bit of light touching. After all, I wasn't the type of person—or horse, for that matter—to show my gratitude with words alone. Especially because my lover, with his twisted personality, would never be happy unless I showed my affection through both words and actions.

"I don't need a pasture, okay? That would mean less time with you, after all. So don't go creating something like that for me without telling me! Even *I* know how expensive land can be."

"I'll make it if I feel it's required. It'll be a necessary expense."

"If you tell me after you've built it, then I'm gonna get angry. Don't forget that."

"Ha! As if that would frighten me!"

Felix let out a small laugh, but it didn't bother me. In fact, I had to agree with him.

"Yeah, I know. I'm not good at getting angry with people. Plus, there's no way I could ever win an argument with you."

"That's not true…"

"I know I'm easily swept along by the tide, so I'm sure you'd be able to convince me of anything." Still trying to think what to do, I began to voice my thoughts aloud. "Three… no, that's too long. Two weeks… Would I be able to withstand obedience training for that long…?" I eventually looked up and groaned, wondering how is one week too short, while two weeks are too long.

"If you make me a pasture, I'm gonna abandon my human side for a whole week and live as a horse. So when I'm not working, I'm gonna take full advantage of my horse life and hang out in the pasture. Oh, but don't you worry! I'll still do my training and finish my work. Think of it as me being selfish for a week…"

As I explained, my thoughts moved on to the pond and the sandpit, and my voice trailed off. I would love to kick and play in the water in summer, and breaking the ice in winter sounded like fun, too. And the sandpit! How amazing it would feel to get to roll around in the sand!

"A-Actually, after so much trouble, why not enjoy it for a whole *two* weeks…?" I blurted.

"Forget it. I'm not making you a pasture."

"What!? Uh, wait, I take it back! I'll make it only one week!"

"Oh, so *now* you want the pasture? You've already turned it down. If you really want it, let me see you beg for it."

"Huh!? I… *don't* want it! Not in the least! But…damn it… I don't want it, but now I'm sad… Ugh, let's just stop talking about it, okay?"

"We can continue this another day then."

"Stop tempting me, you devil!" I yelled, crouching down and

holding my legs.

A new personal pasture where I could invite my warhorse friends to play… Naturally, I would love to have that! Even though I'll always have my forest home, I still really want a personal pasture. This sucks… No, I gotta stop. Don't think about it, horse-me! I'm more than a horse now! I'm ***HUMAN!*** *I have* ***LOGIC!***

"Haaah…"

The horse side of me nearly got carried away by my imagination, but my human side was able to hold my ground. Honestly, all this back-and-forth was tiring me out.

I sank down to rest abjectly on all fours, but the next moment Felix suddenly lifted me in his arms and started kissing me from my chin to the top of my forehead. Kisses landed on my hair, my face, my cheeks, and of course, my lips. Although I knew that Felix was just fooling around, the barrage of kisses did eventually lift my spirits.

What an emotional roller coaster of a day! I'm definitely gonna be sleeping soundly tonight.

"Come on, we're leaving."

"Okay…" Annoyed at being rushed, I made Felix put me down and, still pouting, I stood on my own two feet.

Felix had a rotten personality, and kindness didn't come naturally to him yet, but this rigid man was always straightforward in his affection for me. A man like him stuck out like a sore thumb in the midst of all this nature, though. Perhaps it wasn't so surprising that he might refuse ever to return to a place like this because of the inconvenience.

Still, on that day when he first showed up in the forest, I couldn't look away. Even if he weren't being chased by a bear at the time, I don't think I would've been able to take my eyes



off him.

"I was born as a horse and raised in the wild, so it feels natural for me to be in the forest. I love this forest and the horses here, and I love being a horse."

Before Felix could start to panic, I stretched up to my full height and looked into his eyes. "But I love you too, Commander. I'm really glad I turned into a human. Since I was gifted with both lives, I'd like to make the most of being a horse and a human. Dealing with clothes and possessions, being viewed strangely by both animals and men… It can be a bit of a pain, but… I want to be able to be a horse when I feel like it, and a human too." I cocked my head and looked up at Felix, wondering how he would react.

"Took you long enough to realize. But…certainly, why not?"

His laugh sounded sarcastic, but I couldn't help but feel overjoyed that he accepted my way of thinking.

I really do love him…

I felt a tickle in my chest. The heat that had finally calmed surfaced again, spreading throughout my body and tingeing my cheeks with a deepening crimson.

"Let's walk the rest of the way out of the forest. I love having you ride on my back, but I also love walking beside you…" Embarrassed by my own romantic feelings, I offered my hand to Felix with a foolish grin. "When we first met, I only left this forest because you told me to. So this time, I want to walk out of here of my own free will, with you by my side."

I certainly wasn't being abducted this time, but I was exactly leaving to be independent, either. Perhaps it was more like setting out on some kind of journey...? But since the destination was already decided, I felt neither worry nor fear.

"Will you walk with me?" I asked. I already knew the answer. But with the weight of Felix's warm hand in my own, my face melted into a broad smile, the very picture of happiness.

"That was my intention from the start. Come, let's go."

"Okay!"

I picked up the bag and saddle at my feet and slung them over my shoulder, then turned to face the road ahead. Looking up into the sky, I took several deep, steadying breaths. But my heart still pounded in my chest like quick hoofbeats that seemed unlikely to slow anytime soon, and the cool breeze on my forehead served only to remind me of the heat coursing through my body.

Taking that special first step, I stomped into the ground, bravely venturing forth. Still, it was a *human* step, which kicked up no grass and no dirt in its wake. The dappled sunlight on the path ahead swayed with the wind, and my steps felt light. Seeing the beauty of our road home, I couldn't help but smile and turn to my lover by my side.

With him, I could go anywhere at all.

I felt full of confidence with him there to guide me, his hand clasped firmly in mine. But of course if I tried to tell him that, I'd only end up tongue-tied in embarrassment. So for now, I'd have to keep this as my own little secret.

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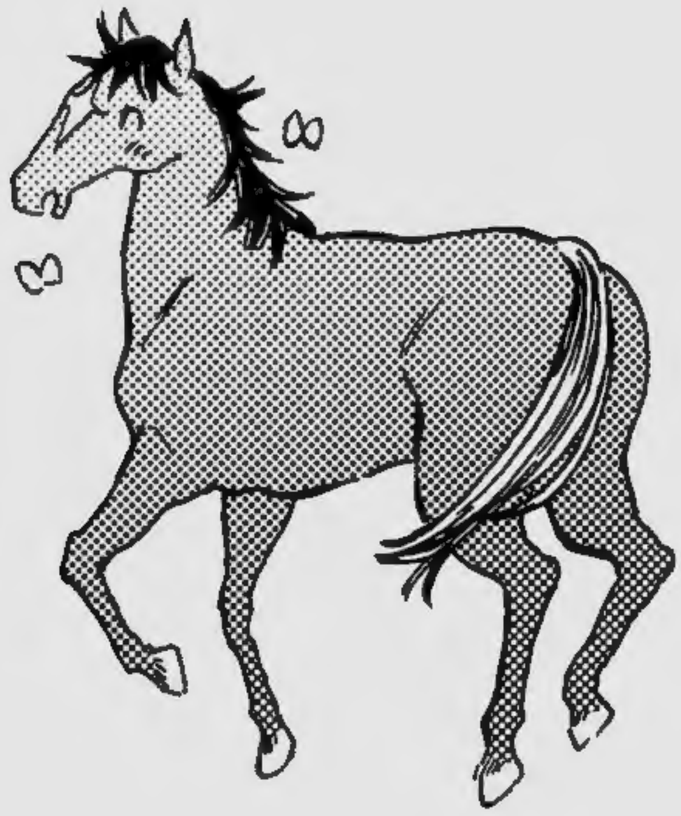


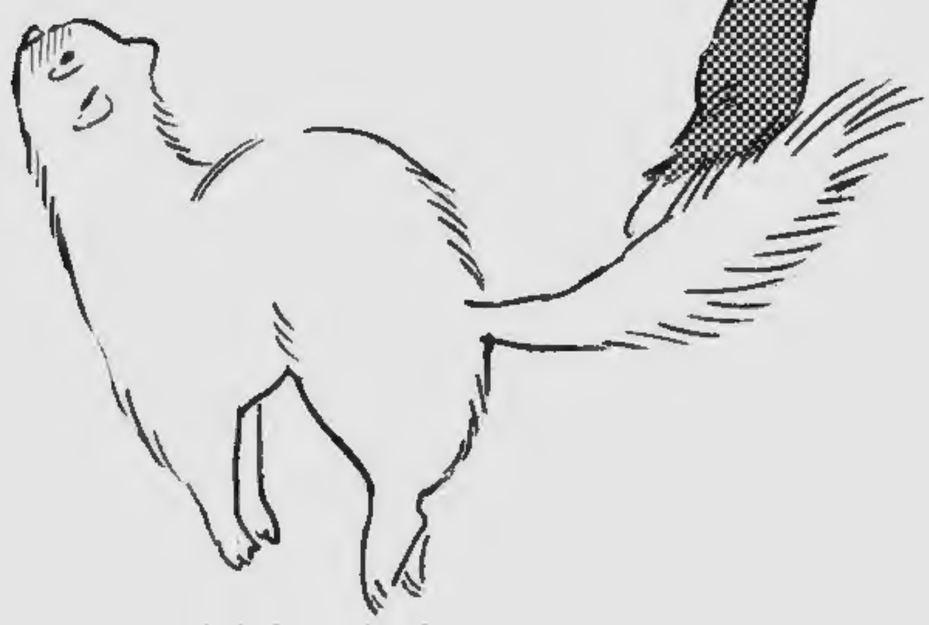










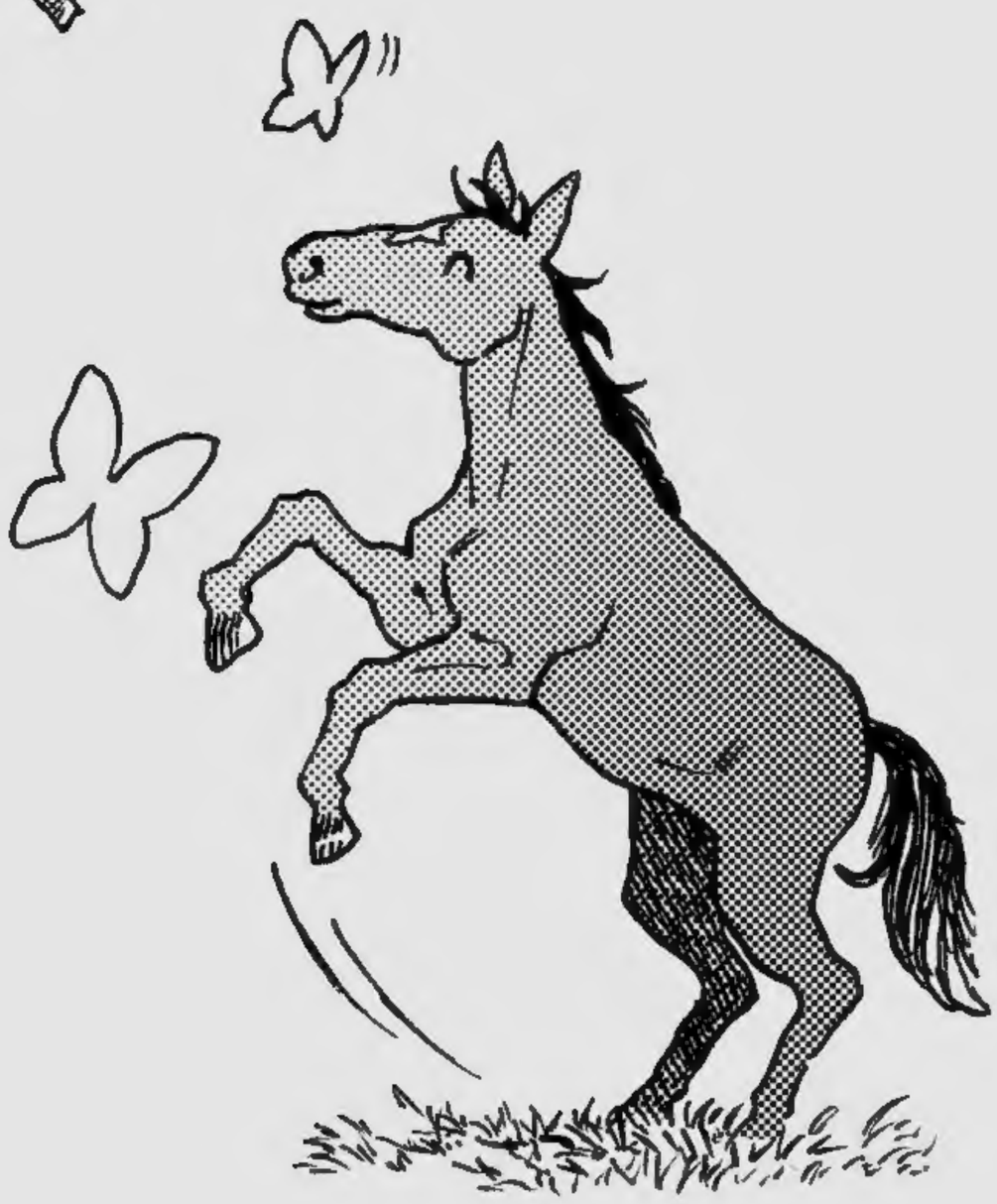







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